Comprehensive policy on health and medical care

521. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Nation in the need of a comprehensive policy on health and medical care; and

(b) if so, what would be the outline of such a policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. National Health Policy-2002 was announced by the Government in the year, 2002. The main objective of the new health policy is to achieve an acceptable standard of good health amongst the general population of the country. The approach would be to increase access to the decentralized public health system by establishing new infrastructure in deficient areas and by upgrading the infrastructure in the existing institutions. The new policy covers all aspects of health care such as financial resources; equity; delivery of national public health programmes; health infrastructure; role of private sector; local self-government institutions and NGOs; health education; health research; quality control of drugs and food; disease surveillance, impact of globalisation on the health sector, etc.

Strengthening the facilities in medical colleges in Karnataka

522. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that proposals for strengthening and improving the facilities at the Government Ayurvedic Medical College, existing Undergraduate Colleges of ISM&H and diagnostic facilities in Karnataka were submitted to Government for release of grants-in-aid; and

(b) the current stage of consideration of these proposals and by when the approval is likely to be expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) The information as available is given in the Statement annexed.